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HUGH HEXT AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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HUGH HEXT, the ancestor of many distinguished South Carolinians, came, with his family, to the Province of Carolina from Dorsetshire, England, about 1686.¹ The early records of the Province show that he was one of the ap-

¹ On June 16, 1747, Thomas Sacheverell, of Colleton County, planter, and Martha Bee, widow, aged sixty-six years and upwards, of Berkeley County, appeared before Thomas Lamboll, J. P. for Berkeley County, and Mrs. Bee deposed that she knew the said Thomas Sacheverell to be the eldest son and heir of his late father, Thomas Sacheverell, planter, deceased, by Mary, his wife; that the said Thomas Sacheverell, the father, whom she had known from the time of his birth "whereat she was personally present", was the only surviving son and heir of Thomas Sacheverell, grandfather of the present Thomas Sacheverell, also late of the Province, deceased, who was by trade a mason, and personally known to her; that she had seen and still remembered his father, Mr. Sacheverell (whose Christian name she could not remember, but believed it also to have been Thomas), great grandfather of the present Thomas, almost from her first arrival in the Province from England "about a Year after the Death of King Charles the Second" and that he died soon after deponent's arrival in the Province and that she saw him "when he lay a Dying"; that she neither knew or ever heard of any other son or child of the said Mr. Sacheverell, the great grandfather, besides the said Thomas, the grandfather, and that she remembered the two wives of the latter, the first of which he brought with him to the Province and by whom he had a son, John, who died in minority, unmarried, and the second of which, Mary Fry, whom he married in the Province, survived him, the said grandfather, who died about 1701, a fortnight or thereabouts (to the best of her remembrance) after the birth of said Thomas Sacheverell, the father of the present Thomas; that her (deponent's) first husband was William Bower, long since deceased, and that he had often told her that he came over to Carolina in the same ship with Mr. Sacheverell, the great grandfather of the present Thomas, "from a Place called Iwerin in Dorsetshire, in England, the Year before King Charles the Seconds Death" and that she had heard her said husband, William Bower, "and also her Father the said Hugh Hext decd. (who also came to this Pro-

praisers of the estate of Joseph Ellicott, June 21, 1697⁵: that he was a witness to the will of John Seabrook, April 15, 1706³: that he was elected a member of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province in 1706⁴, but refused to qualify, and that he was one of the commissioners appointed under the "Church Acts" of November 4, 1704, and November 30, 1706.⁵

His surviving children were:

1. I. Alexander Hext, who died without issue about 1741.⁶
2. II. Edward Hext, who died without issue, February 17, 1742.⁷

vince from Dorsetshire aforesaid) say that they Believed the aforesaid Mr. Sacheverel the Great Grand Father, and his Son the said Thomas Sacheverel the Grandfather (abovementioned) were Related to the Famous Doctr. Henry Sacheverel of Great Britain." (Probate Court Records, Charleston County., Book 1746-49, pp. 171-172.)

² Ibid, Book I., p. 297.

³ Ibid, Book 1711-18, p. 36.

⁴ *A Sketch of the History of South Carolina* (Rivers), p. 227.

⁵ *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina* (Cooper), Vol. II., pp. 241 and 288; *The History of Carolina* (Oldmixon), p. 433 of *Historical Collections of South Carolina* (Carroll), Vol. II.

⁶ Will of Alexander Hext, of John's Island, Colleton County, Province of South Carolina, planter, made July 16, 1736, and proved June 6, 1741, gave friends, Samuel Jones, of the County aforesaid, planter, Benjamin d'Harriette, Othniel Beale and Charles Pinckney all of his estate on John's Island, on Cacaw Swamp in St. Paul's Parish and at the head of Deer Creek on the south side of Ashpoo River in St. Bartholomew's Parish, his lot and brick house in Charles Town on Tradd Street and his slaves and all other property in trust for John and Richard Seabrook, sons of Mrs. Mary Seabrook, Sarah Greene, wife of Daniel Greene, Jr., of Charles Town, and eldest daughter of said Mrs. Mary Seabrook, Mary Seabrook, second daughter, Elizabeth Seabrook, third daughter, Susannah Seabrook, fourth daughter, said Mrs. Mary Seabrook, nephew, Robert Godfrey, niece, Mary Godfrey, nephew, Alexander Hext, and appointed said Jones, d'Harriette, Beale and Pinckney, executors. Witnesses: George Lea, Adam Beauchamp and William Lea. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1740-47, pp. 34-39.)

⁷ "On Wednesday last died of an Apoplectick Fit, Mr. *Edward Hext*, a wealthy Gentleman of this Town, of a truly amiable Character, whose Death is much lamented by all his Friends and Acquaintances."—Sup-

- 3 III. Francis Hext.
- 4 IV. David Hext.
- 5 V. Thomas Hext.
- 6 VI. Amias Hext.
- 7 VII. Hugh Hext.
- 8 VIII. Amelia Hext, who *m.* ——— Godfrey.
- 9 IX. Katherine Hext, who *m.* ——— Still.
- 10 X. Martha Hext, who *m.* William Bower, and,
after his death, John Bee.

plement to *The South-Carolina Gazette*, Saturday, February 20, 1742. Register of St. Philip's Parish.

Will of Edward Hext, of Charles Town, in the Province of South Carolina, Gent., made October 6, 1739, and proved before Lieutenant-Governor Bull, February 22, 1741, gave the Vestry of St. Philip's Parish £1000. currency to be invested for the benefit of such poor people of the parish as should not be upon the parish; gave his executors £1500. currency in trust to be invested for the use and maintenance of his niece, Sarah Rutledge, without the control of her husband, during her life, to go at her death to her surviving children, but in default of such children, to the children of his "kinsman John Hext", of this Province; gave Hugh Hext, son of the said John, when twenty-one, the house and so much of the ground where testator then lived on the Bay as belonged to the house, as divided from the brick house and ground fronting Union Street, but in case said Hugh die without issue or in infancy then the said property to go to the son of testator's brother, Thomas Hext; gave brother, Thomas Hext, the brick house wherein Mr. Withers then dwelled, fronting Union Street; gave Hugh and Amias Hext, sons of his brother, Amias Hext, his upper tract of land of 640 acres on St. Helena Island; gave the several children that should happen to be alive of his "kinsman Philip Hext, of Froome in Somersetshire Great Britain; The Father of Thomas Hext whom I brought with me to this Province but lately deceased", his plantation at Pon Pon containing 800 acres, together with the slaves and appurtenances thereon; directed his executors to sell the remainder of his estate and with the proceeds discharge all the legacies thereafter in his will given; gave each of his "four Brothers Francis, Alexander, David and Thomas Hext" £100. currency and a like sum to his "Sister Martha Bee"; gave "Sister Bee's Son William Bower," £1000. currency and to her two daughters, Mary Bryan and Tabitha Peter, £1000 currency each; gave the executors of his kinsman, Paul Hamilton, deceased, £4,300. currency for the use of Paul, Martha, John and Archibald Hamilton, children of the said Paul Hamilton; gave kinswoman, Mary Bryan, or, in case she should prede-

FRANCIS HEXT [Hugh¹] married Sarah ———, and died about 1746.^s

cease him, her children by her late husband, John Williamson, £1000. currency for each of said children that should survive him; gave his executors in trust for such children of his kinswoman, Tabitha Peter, as should survive him £500. apiece and £500. additional for Abraham Edings, one of the said Children, if he should survive testator; gave executors in trust for each child of his sister, Melior Godfrey, as should survive him, £500. currency; gave executors in trust for each child of his kinsman, John Hext, of South Carolina, that should survive testator, £1000. currency; directed that £1000. currency be put out at interest yearly and the income therefrom be given for the remainder of his life to testator's kinsman, John Hext, and after his death the principal be given to such child or children of the said John as should survive him; gave Hugh and Amias Hext, sons of his late brother, Amias Hext, deceased, £1000. currency each, and to their sister, Mary, £500.; gave brother, Francis Hext, £2000., to go in case said Francis should predecease testator, to testator's executors in trust for the benefit of such child or children of said Francis as should survive testator; gave brother, David Hext, £1000. currency, to go, in case said David predecease testator, to such child or children of said David as should survive testator; gave brother, Thomas Hext, £1000. currency upon the same conditions; gave kinswoman, Elizabeth Etheridge, of Great Britain, daughter of his deceased kinswoman, Ann Etheridge, alias Prioleau, if she be found and make a legal demand therefor within four years after testator's death, £3000.; gave Katharine, Philip, Elizabeth and Hannah, the four children of his deceased sister, Katharine Still, in Great Britain, £50. sterling each; appointed brothers, David and Thomas Hext, and four kinsmen, John Bee, Jr., Jonathan Bryan, Philip Prioleau and John McCall, of South Carolina, executors. Witnesses: Thomas Boulton, James Withers, Samuel Prioleau, Jr., and Thomas Lamboll. In a codicil made April 2, 1740, he recited that his kinswoman, Elizabeth Etheridge, had since the making of his will, arrived in the Province and was then living with him, and increased her legacy from £3000. to £6000. and five slaves, with privilege of living in his house in Charles Town during her life. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1740-47, pp. 69-77.)

^s Will of Francis Hext, of John's Island, St. John's Parish, Colleton County, made September 17, 1745, and proved, by *dedimus*, before John Champneys, May 13, 1746, gave son, William Hext, 250 acres on John's Island, commonly called the Indian Graves, and ten slaves;

Issue:

- 11 I. Francis Hext, who *m.* Elizabeth Stanyarne, and died about 1746.⁹ (Issue.)

gave son, David Hext, the plantation upon which testator then lived, containing 275 acres on Stono River, reserving a life interest for his wife; gave his sons, Alexander and William, a tract of 89 acres on John's Island, in the great swamp joining Mr. Stanyarne's land, to be equally divided between them, William to have the part next to Mr. Stanyarne's Hickory Hill plantation; confirmed to son, Francis, a previous deed of gift and added £10. currency; gave daughter, Sarah Hext, nine slaves and some furniture, to be delivered at eighteen or marriage; directed that his son, "David be brought up under the care of his mother & be put to school at her discretion," and that Sarah live with her mother; gave wife, Sarah, and son, David, the remainder of his slaves, to be equally divided between them when David should reach the age of nineteen or marry; gave all cattle, not otherwise given, to his wife and sons, Alexander, William and David, and daughter, Sarah, to be equally divided between them; appointed wife, Sarah, executrix, and sons, Francis and Alexander, and friend William Butler, executors. Witnesses: John Carter, Joseph Waight and Matthew Smallwood. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1740-47, pp. 317-318.)

Will of Sarah Hext, of St. John's Parish, widow, made November 26, 1754, and proved April 4, 1755, appointed friends, William Gibbes and Joseph Elliott, executors; gave son, Alexander, £10. currency; gave granddaughter, Elizabeth Hext, when eighteen or married, £100. currency; gave a like sum to grandson, Francis Hext, when eighteen; gave granddaughters, Sarah and Mary Buchanan, £100. currency each when eighteen or married; gave niece, Sarah Shingleton, £50. currency when eighteen or married; gave daughter, Jane Hext, a black velvet mantlet; gave son, David Hext, all of her estate not otherwise given. Witnesses: John Gibbes, Jr., and John Buchanan. (P. C. R., Book 1752-56, pp. 332-333.)

⁹ Will of Francis Hext, of Colleton County, planter, made June 9, 1746, and proved before the Governor, September 12, 1746, gave wife, Elizabeth, one half of all of his personal estate and the use for life of the tract of 382 acres of land, and the dwelling thereon, bought of Mr. Durant; gave daughter, Elizabeth Hext, the other half of his personal estate when twenty-one or married, a tract of 382 acres of land which had been given to him by his father, and, after the death of her mother, the tract of 382 acres given to her said mother for life, but providing, in case of her death before twenty-one or without issue, that it should all go to testator's brothers and sister, Alexander, William, David and Sarah Hext; appointed brothers, Alexander and William Hext, and father-in-law, John Stanyarne, executors, and

- 12 II. Alexander Hext, who *m.*, December 15, 1743,*
Jane Weaver, and died about 1769.†
- 13 III. William Hext, who *m.* Mary ———, and died
about 1754.¹⁰
- 14 IV. David Hext.
- 15 V. Sarah Hext, who *m.* ——— Buchanan.

wife executrix. Witnesses: Joseph Coke, William Spencer, Jr., and Mary Mowbray. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1740-47, pp. 338-339.)

*Register of St. Philip's Parish.

†Will of Alexander Hext, of Charles Town, planter, made September 16, 1769, and proved before Lieut-Gov. Bull, December 22, 1770, gave wife, Jane Hext, 700 acres of land on the eastern branch of Salkehatchie River swamp, which had been given to her by her father, Thomas Weaver, deceased, and a negro, a riding chair and two horses; gave remainder of estate to wife and daughter, Jane Elizabeth, to be equally divided between them, but, in case of their dying, the estate to go to brother, David Hext, and sister Sarah Buchanan, and Thomas Weaver and George Coats; directed that in case of his wife's death his daughter should be brought up under the care of Mrs. Elizabeth Saxby; gave brother, David Hext, the gun that was their father's; directed that his niece, Sarah Buchanan, should live with his wife; appointed wife executrix and George Saxby, of Charles Town, and Paul Hamilton, planter, executors. Witnesses: Robert Hogg, John Wilkie and Henry Videau. Jane Wilkie, formerly Jane Hext, qualified December 22, 1770. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1761-77, pp. 558-559.)

¹⁰ Will of William Hext, of John's Island, Colleton County, planter, made April 24, 1752, and recorded May 24, 1754, gave wife, Mary, seventeen negroes, two riding horses, his whole stock of cattle, sheep and hogs and his canoe, together with the tract of land whereon he then lived, with his household goods and furniture and his carbine and silver watch, but in case of her death without heirs, the said property to go to his mother, Sarah Hext, his "two brothers", Alexander and David Hext, and sister, Sarah Buchanan; gave brother, Alexander, his saddle holsters and pistols; appointed friend, Edward Fenwick, executor, and wife executrix. Witnesses: Benj. Walls, Sarah Stanyarne and Anna Phipps. In a postscript he gave his wife two new suits of clothes and all of his linen. Witnesses: John Williams, Alexander and David Hext. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1752-56, pp. 189-190.)

4.

DAVID HEXT [Hugh¹¹] married Mrs. Ann Barnet, widow of George Barnet,¹² and died in December, 1754¹². With

¹¹ Benjamin Smith and Anne, his wife, in conveying a piece of property recited that it was granted by the Lords Proprietors to John Bul-line in 1678; that he conveyed it to Lawrence Reed, merchant; that Reed conveyed it to Edward Middleton, February 6, 1697; that upon the death of the latter it vested in Henry Middleton, of London, who conveyed it to Joseph Croskeys, who, December 11, 1698, conveyed it to Edward Loughton, who, December 20, 1707, willed it to his son, David Loughton, who willed it, November 3, 1713, to his wife, Ann, afterwards the wife of George Barnet, and thereafter the wife of David Hext with whom she conveyed it, December 17, 1717, to John Bee, who willed it to his wife, Mary Bee, January 4, 1724, who, October 24, 1730, willed it to her two granddaughters, Mary and Anne Loughton, now the wives of said Benjamin Smith and William Mathewes. (Mesne Conveyance Records, C. Co., Book T., p. 602.)

¹² His burial is recorded on December 3, 1754, in the register of St. Philip's Parish.

Will of David Hext, of Charles Town, gentleman, made May 11, 1751, and proved before the Ordinary, December 6, 1754, appointed his "five Lovg: Daughters namely Martha McCall Providence Prioleau Grace Roper Amelia Dart & Elizabeth Hext Executors"; gave wife, Ann, all of his household goods, five negroes, his horse and riding chair, harness, the rent and use of his house and lot wherein he then resided for life, the rent and use of his house and land on the south side of Tradd Street during her widowhood, the residence and lot to be sold by the executors after her death, and £100. sterling thereof given to his daughter, Amelia Dart, £100 sterling to his daughter, Elizabeth Hext, and the remainder consolidated with the whole estate, the Tradd Street house and lot to be sold at the death or marriage of said Ann Hext and the proceeds turned in with the general estate and the whole, after paying all debts, equally divided between the said five daughters of testator. Witnesses: Alexander Baron, Lionel Chalmers and Thomas Lamboll. "Eliza Williams formerly Hext Qualified as Extriix," January 17, 1755. (P. C. R., C. Co.)

In *The South-Carolina Gazette* of January 2, 1755. John McCall, Samuel Prioleau and Benjamin Dart, over date of January 1st, advertise the sale on the 23d inst. of David Hext's plantation of 570 acres on Edisto Island, together with the property on the plantation, and for various days thereafter the sale of other real and personal property left by the deceased.

Isaac Waight he executed a bond to Governor Robert Johnson, March 24, 1718/19, for Waight's proper performance of the trust of guardian to William Stanyarne, infant and orphan of William Stanyarne, deceased*. He was an appraiser, with Capt. Alexander Hext, of the estate of John Hill, deceased, August 16, 1722¹³; was elected to the Commons House of Assembly from St. John's, Colleton, in November, 1736¹⁴; was reelected in 1739 and was put upon the joint committee appointed in 1741 to distribute the fund raised for the sufferers from the great fire which occurred in Charles Town, November 18, 1740¹⁵; was elected to the Commons House of Assembly from St. Philip's (Charles Town) in 1746¹⁶ and was reelected in March, 1749¹⁷; was elected a Commissioner for Market and Workhouse in Charles Town in 1751.¹⁸

In 1747 John Allen executed a confirmation of title to David Hext of lands sold by Andrew Allen to David Hext in 1735.[†]

Issue:

- 16 I. Martha Hext, *m.*, April 22, 1739, John McCall¹⁹; *d.* December 13, 1784.²⁰ (Issue.)

* P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1711-18, p. 26 from back to front.

¹³ Ibid, Book 1722.

¹⁴ *The South-Carolina Gazette*, Saturday, November 6, 1736.

¹⁵ *The History of South Carolina under the Royal Government* (McCrady), p. 240.

¹⁶ *The South-Carolina Gazette*, Saturday, July 9, 1748.

¹⁷ Ibid, April 7, 1749.

¹⁸ Ibid, April 15, 1751.

[†] M. C. R., C. Co., Book RR., p. 458

¹⁹ Register of St. Philip's Parish.

²⁰ "Departed this life this morning, (in an advanced age) after a long and painful illness, which she bore with christian patience and resignation, being always submissive to the divine will of her heavenly father, Mrs. Martha M'Call, wife of John M'Call, sen. Esq. She was a good Christian, an affectionate loving wife, a tender mother, charitable, kind and benevolent, a good mistress, and a sincere friend—Her death is greatly lamented by her numerous relations, and by all who had the pleasure of being acquainted with her. 'Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, for their's is the kingdom of heaven.'"—*The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, Monday, December 13, 1784.

- 17 II. Providence Hext, *m.*, October 14, 1739, Samuel Prioleau, Jr.²¹ (Issue.)
- 18 III. Grace Hext, *m.*, September 5, 1745, William Roper.²² (Issue.)
- 19 IV. Amelia Hext, *bap.* April 27, 1733²³; *m.*, January 18, 1750, Benjamin Dart.²⁴ (Issue.)
- 20 V. Elizabeth Hext, *m.*, January 1, 1755,²⁵ Robert Williams, Jr.; *d.* November, 1769.²⁶ (Issue.)

5.

THOMAS HEXT [Hugh¹] married Judith Esther Torquet, September 26, 1723.²⁷

Issue:

- 21 I. David Hext, who *m.* Jane ———, and *d.* in 1759.²⁸ (Issue.)

²¹ Register of St. Philip's Parish.

"This Indenture made the Twenty-Fourth day of March in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God, Great Britain" &c. "Between David Hext of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina Gent^t. and Ann his Wife, of the one part, and Samuel Prioleau Junior of the same Town and Province Gentⁿ. and Providence his wife, one of the Daughters of the said David Hext and Ann his Wife", &c.

²² Register of St. Philip's Parish.

²³ Ibid. ²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ "DIED]" * * * "Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, the amiable Consort of Robert Williams, junior, Esq."—*The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal*, Tuesday, November 7, 1769. By deed, dated September 25, 1755, John McCall and Martha, his wife; Samuel Prioleau and Providence, his wife; William Roper and Grace, his wife; Benjamin Dart and Amelia, his wife; Robert Williams, Jr., and Elizabeth, his wife, "which said Martha, Providence, Grace, Amelia & Elizabeth are the only Five Children and Daughters, and Divisees, and Executors of the last will and Testament of David Hext late of the said Town & Province Gent. deced," conveyed lot No. 274 to Jeremiah Theus.

²⁷ Register of St. Andrew's Parish.

²⁸ Will of David Hext, of Colleton County, made April 22, 1759, and proved August 3, 1759, gave wife, Jane, £10. currency; gave son, John

- 22 II. Joseph Hext, who *m.* Sarah ———, and *d.* in
1755.²⁹
- 23 III. Edward Hext, who *m.* Mary ———, and *d.* in
1768.³⁰
- 24 IV. Philip Hext. (Issue.)

6.

AMIAS HEXT [Hugh¹] married Mary ———, and died
in 1722.³¹

Hext, three negroes; gave daughter, Rebecca Hext, three negroes; gave said John and Rebecca his stock of cattle, to be divided equally between them; gave daughter, Ann Hext, thirteen negroes; gave son, William Hext, twelve negroes, a tract of 200 acres of land on the west side of Pon Pon River, near Jacksonborough, bounding northward on the estate of John Peter, and a tract of 100 acres of land on the east side of Pon Pon River; gave daughter, Ann, ten cows and ten calves; gave remainder of estate to son, William, but, in case of his death under age or marriage, it was to go to his daughter, Ann, or in case of her death before marriage or majority, her share to go to William, and, in case of the death of both, John and Rebecca were to have £1200. currency each, and the remainder of the estate was to go to the children of testator's brother, Philip; appointed brothers, Philip and Edward Hext, and John Peter, executors. Witnesses: John Cochran, James Reid and William Osborn. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1757-60, pp. 225-226.)

²⁹ Will of Joseph Hext, of St. Bartholomew's Parish, planter, made June 20, 1755, and proved August 22, 1755, gave wife, Sarah, two negroes; gave nephew, Philip Hext, Jr., a negro; gave nephew, Thomas Hext, son of Philip Hext, a negro; gave nephew, William Hext, son of Philip Hext, a negro; gave godson, John Condry, a negro; gave brother, Edward Hext, a silver watch; gave wife a riding chair and the crop then in the ground and all other property not otherwise given; appointed brother, Philip Hext, executor, and wife, Sarah, executrix. Witnesses: Margaret Donnom and William Eberson. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1752-56, pp. 374-375.)

³⁰ Will of Edward Hext, of St. Bartholomew's Parish, planter, made January 31, 1768, and proved before Governor Montagu, April 15, 1768, gave wife, Mary; and daughter, Elizabeth, all of his estate; appointed wife executrix and friends, Moses Darquier and Thomas Bucr. executors. Witnesses: Peter Courstiell, John Webber and Elizabeth Webber. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1761-77, p. 213.)

³¹ Will of Amias Hext, of Colleton County, planter, made February 16, 1721-22, and proved before Governor Nicholson, February 20,

Issue:

- 25 I. Hugh Hext, who *m.*, April 29, 1742. Mrs. Susannah Beresford (maiden name Boone), widow of Michael Beresford, and died in November, 1744.³² (Issue.)
- 26 II. Amias Hext.
- 27 III. Mary Hext.

7.

HUGH HEXT [Hugh¹] married, November 2, 1723, Sarah Boone³³; *d.* in November, 1732³⁴. His widow married Andrew Rutledge, attorney at law.

1723, gave wife, Mary Hext, one third of his personal estate; gave the other two thirds of his personal estate to his children, Hugh, Amias, and Mary Hext, when they should reach the age of twenty, or marry, if sooner; gave plantation whereon he then lived, containing 380 acres, to his sons, Hugh and Amias, provided his executors should find it necessary to sell the plantation of 400 acres at Ashepoo to pay his debts, but in case there should be enough to pay all debts without selling said plantation, then the home place to Hugh and the Ashepoo place to Amias; appointed wife executrix, and brother, Hugh, and cousin, Paul Hamilton, executors. Witnesses: Francis Hext, Thomas Weatherly, Robert Godfrey, Thomas Hext and Daniel McFarland. (Book 1722-24, pp. 256-258.)

³² The register of Christ Church Parish contains the marriage, as above, and records his burial on November 9, 1744.

Will of Hugh Hext, of Colleton County, planter, made November 9, 1744, and proved before Gov. Glen, January 18, 1744 (1745), gave his wife, Susannah, his lot and houses on the Bay in Charles Town for life, to go at her death to his son, Thomas Hext (minor), his plantation of 380 acres on John's Island for life, to go at her death to said son, Thomas; gave said Thomas his plantation, Scott's Bluff, on Ashepoo River, bought of one Lashly and containing 380 acres; directed that the tract of 350 acres which he had purchased of Thomas Tattnell should be sold to pay his debts; gave son, Thomas, twenty-six slaves and directed that he be educated; gave brother, Thomas Knights, when twenty-one, £100. proclamation money; gave wife remainder of slaves and confirmed a "Jointer made to her afore marriage": appointed wife, Susannah, executrix, Francis Hext, Jr., "Brother in Law William Boone" and Robert Sams executors. Witnesses: Samuel Smith, Samuel Smith, Jr. and Henry Christie. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1740-47, pp. 207-209.)

³³ Register of Christ Church Parish.

³⁴ "Capt Hugh Hext, was buried November 29th: 1732."—Register of Christ Church Parish.

Issue:

- 28 I. Sarah Hext, *b.* September 18, 1724³⁵; *m.*, December 25, 1738, Dr. John Rutledge³⁶ (younger brother of Andrew); *d.* April 22, 1792³⁷.

Will of Hugh Hext, of Berkeley County, gentleman, made November 23, 1732, and recorded February 17, 1732/3, gave wife, Sarah Hext, for life, the use and benefit of all lands that had been given to him by the will of Sarah Fenwicke, deceased, and the use and benefit of all slaves and other personal property bequeathed to him by said Sarah Fenwicke, providing that she use the profits arising therefrom to provide for and educate testator's daughter, Sarah Hext; gave his "Dearly Beloved & only Daughter Sarah Hext," upon the death of her mother, all of the property left to him by Sarah Fenwicke, two dwellings and premises in Charles Town, one of which was then in possession of Elizabeth Croxton and by him purchased from John Metheringham, and the other of which, then in possession of one Moore, was formerly the property of Mary Mullins, deceased, a plantation of 550 acres, at Stono, and a plantation of 640 acres upon St. Helena, Granville County, but provided that in case she should die the property given to the wife for life should become her absolute possession and the remainder should go to testator's brother, Edward Hext, sister, Martha Bee, wife of John Bee; £50. per annum to kinsman, John Hext, for life; £500. each to Hugh Hext, son, and Margaret Hext, daughter, of kinsman, John Hext; £500. each to Thomas Tattnell and Michael Beresford; appointed wife executrix and brother, Edward Hext, executor. Witnesses: Mary Smith, David Hext and Thomas Ellery. (P. C. R., C. Co., Book 1732-37, pp. 11-13.)

³⁵ "Sarah the Daughter of Hugh & Sarah Hext was born September 18th Anno Domini 1724 and Baptised October ye 18th Anno Domini 1724."—Register of Christ Church Parish.

³⁶ "Dr. John Rutledge was married to Sarah Hext, December 25th., A. D. 1738 by the Revd. Robert Small."—*Ibid.*

³⁷ "On Sunday morning last departed this life, Mrs. *Henrietta Rutledge*, the wife of Edward Rutledge, Esq; and eldest daughter of the late honorable Henry Middleton."

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"On the same day at her plantation in Christ-Church parish, Mrs. Sarah Rutledge—in the 68th year of her age. A lady justly respected for her benevolence and amiableness. Her death is universally regretted."—*The City Gazette & Daily Advertiser*, Friday, April 27, 1792.